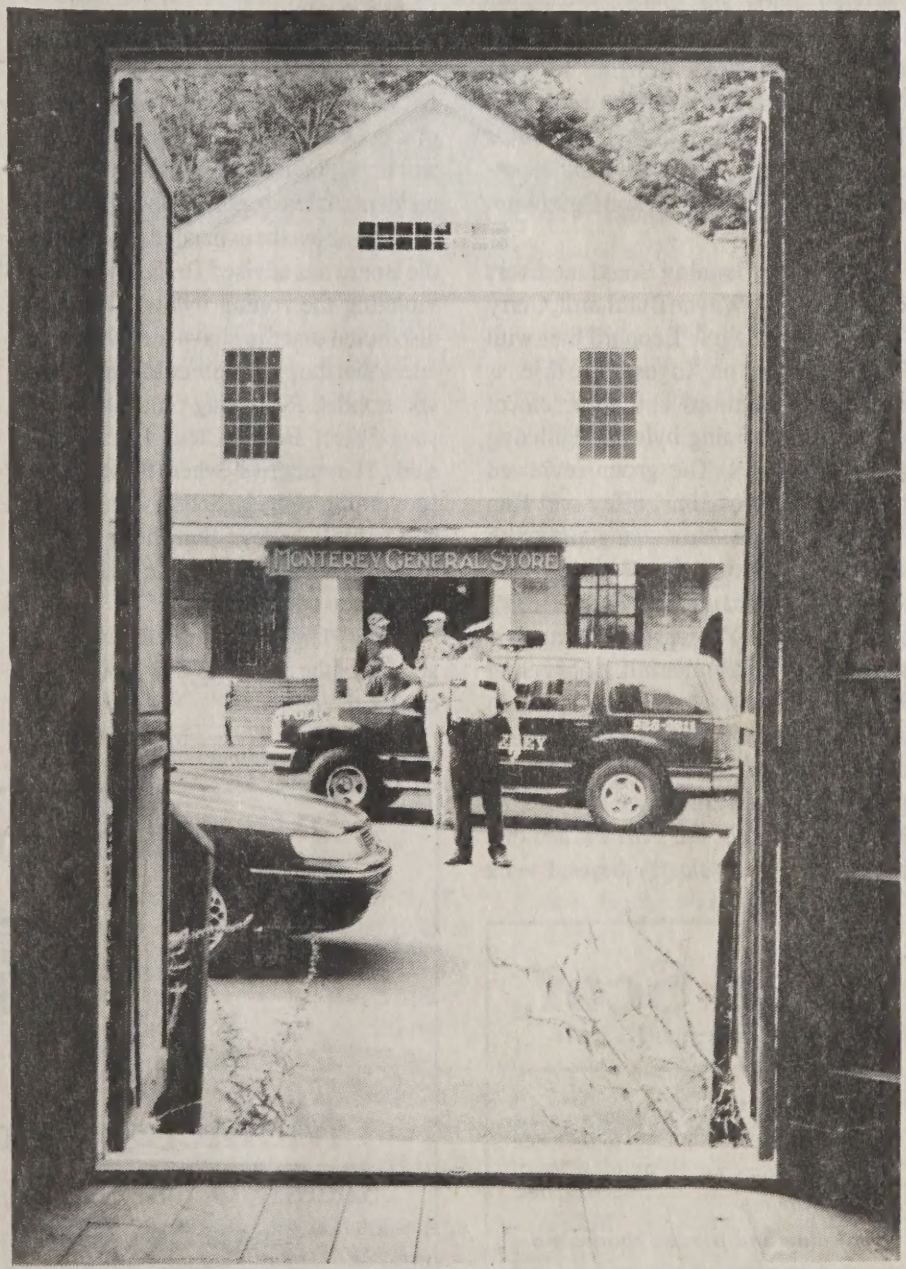
MONTEREY NEWS

SEPTEMBER 1995

THE TOWN

The Select Board has scheduled a Special Town Meeting for Friday, September 15, at 7 p.m. in the firehouse. Monterey citizens will be called to vote on the following warrant items: a reduction of Monterey's portion of the budget for the Southern Berkshire Regional School District by approximately $20,000; a $48,000 appropriation for the purchase of land on Blue Hill Road to enlarge the present cemetery; revision of the wording of the newly adopted Non-Criminal Disposition section of the by-law; and an appropriation of $10,000 to purchase municipal software.

The tornado clean up continues albeit at a slower pace than some residents would like. Fred Vorck of Main Road was present at the August 21 meeting of the Select Board, and expressed his concern regarding the continued scheduling of clean up efforts. He said the lack of action in removing broken trees coupled with recent dry conditions has created a major fire hazard in the area. Members of the Select Board agreed that there has been a lull in the process, but said it is not due to negligence on their part. Chair Peter Brown explained that Select Board members met with County Commissioner Paul Babeu on August 14 and requested assistance from the Massachusetts Army National Guard in the additional clearing on River Road, Corashire Road, Pixley Road, Wellman Road, Gould Road, and the Konkapot River. The Commissioner has hand-delivered the request to Major General Raymond Vezina at the Adjutant General's Office in Reading, Massachusetts. At press time the Select Board is awaiting a response.



MAGGIE LEONARD

Monterey Policeman Rob Fredsall at work on a Saturday.

In other news regarding the County Commission, Commissioner Paul Babeu has informed the Select Board that in September the Clean Lakes Program will change its name to Clean Rivers Program. Its purpose will be to clean debris from rivers and streams. Babeu reported that SeaBees will be doing some of the

work, and inquired about obtaining permits from the Monterey Conservation Commission.

Anna Thorn Duryea presented a check for $310 to Select Board member Georgiana O'Connell at the Cove Bowling Lanes in Great Barrington on Friday, August 4, as a donation to the Monterey Tornado Relief Fund. (See story, p. 3.) The contribution was made from the proceeds of a bowling tournament sponsored by Anna and Dale Duryea, the Southern Berkshire Men's Bowling Association, and Cove Bowling to raise funds for the victims of the Memorial Day tornado. Checks of equal amounts were also presented to officials representing Great Barrington and Egremont.

Monterey Planning Board members Joyce Scheffey, Wayne Burkhardt, Gerry Shapiro, and Maggie Leonard met with the Select Board on August 21 to discuss recent interpretations and enforcement of the town's zoning bylaws regulating home businesses. The group reviewed the application of Jim Laffey and Ken Freeberg to build a three-car garage with an office space for their publishing business. Select Board members Peter Brown and Georgiana O'Connell voted against issuing the Building Permit at a meeting on August 14; Stefan Grotz voted in favor. O'Connell said the application involved an expanded use, which requires a Special Permit. In a letter to the Building Inspector the Board stated that the expansion is "clearly beyond what the bylaw allows." Dissenting member Stefan Grotz interpreted the bylaw as allowing such a use under the "Uses by right" section of the Use Regulations for the Agricultural-Residential District (p. 9 of the Monterey Zoning Bylaw, for any "town wonks" out there!). Grotz added that he believes there is an issue of fairness here as well, because there are several businesses in Monterey conducted from accessory buildings on the property, some of which involve employees.

There was another matter involving home business before the Select Board. Dr. Jerrold Raab, a dentist who lives and practices at his Monterey residence, now works with another dentist who is not a resident. At least one neighbor has voiced concern about the expanded practice, and the Board has advised Dr. Raab that he is violating the zoning bylaw. The Board also noted that they have received assurances that the practice would cease within six months. Reflecting on these two issues Select Board Chair Peter Brown said, "I remember when these bylaws [governing home business] were created, and I don't believe that these kinds of expansions are what people had in mind when they approved them."

The Planning Board will review this section of the Zoning Bylaw, and work to clarify the issue.

— Maggie Leonard

DODGER TRUCKING, ETC.

For sixty-five years I have worked diligently on my image and worried about it constantly. Now I find that not only did my good and revered friend Gige O'Connell snap a picture of me on top of an indescribable garbage heap with Bob Thieriot, but she also sent it to that scurrilous, gossip-mongering *Monterey News*. Ah well, so it goes...

Here's what happened. The Select Board asked the Solid Waste Committee to check the load that Roger Trucking brought to the transfer station on Wednesday morning, August 16. Although it was obvious that the loads Roger was dumping into the compactor were full of recyclables, previous attempts to look more closely had proved frustrating. How to check it out in detail? We asked them to dump it on the ground so we could go through it for recyclables and the names of offenders. The noble road crew deposited the mess into the compactor when we were finished.

Let us be clear. The town has signed a new contract with the Materials Recycling Facility (MRF) in Springfield. The MRF receives our recyclable stuff, for which we are paid $20 a ton. We are required under the contract to deliver *all* recyclables (except plastic, which we recycle elsewhere) to the MRF. But trash hauled by Roger Trucking presents a

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problem over which the Select Board and Solid Waste Committee have been puzzling since April. The load we checked that Wednesday contained a huge quantity of recyclables. Black plastic garbage bags concealed returnable plastic and glass bottles, newspapers and magazines, valuable cardboard—you name it.

The contract with MRF reads in part as follows: "In the event that the Municipality delivers loads which contain in excess of 5% non-recyclables...the Operator (MRF) may accept and process such loads, but shall be entitled to recover the disposal cost of any non-recyclables from the Municipality..." Hauling recyclable materials to the landfill in Chicopee is both illegal and nuts. It is not only tossing away dollars, but also risking an extra fee for the privilege.

Hauling trash to the landfill costs money—around $700 per load. This past July we had three loads. An awful lot of that was undoubtedly recyclable. Roger Trucking feels it is our responsibility to see that their Monterey customers recycle. I personally feel it is Roger's job, since they use our facility; once they have picked up the trash, it is their duty to comply with our by-law, which mandates recycling. If they can't or won't do this, I feel that they should take the loads elsewhere. Why should the town pay for hauling illegal trash? The rest of our town is doing an incredible recycling job. I assume that the Monterey customers of Roger Trucking would also like to do so.

We would like to hear from Roger customers. I know that some of you do attempt to recycle, but as Roger only collects recyclables once a month, it may be difficult to do a good job. (Roger does have six blue recycling bins on their regular trash truck, which they say their thirty-plus customers may use if they wish on a weekly basis, but even those token bins usually come in empty.) Most families I have spoken to take at least a weekly trip to the facility. Call or write the Selectmen (528-1443), or Joyce Scheffey (528-0550).

For the record, MRF defines "recyclable" as follows:

"Discarded non-hazardous solid waste material which may be reclaimed and is considered jointly by the DEP and the Operator (MRF) to be marketable. Such material shall include initially

- newspaper
- corrugated cardboard
- white paper
- magazines
- junk mail
- cereal boxes (w/out inner bags)
- envelopes (w/out plastic windows)
- telephone books
- milk and juice cartons
- drink boxes
- unbroken containers of flint
- green and brown glass
- tin (steel) cans
- aluminum cans and foil.

The list of recyclables may be expanded or contracted from time to time as determined by MRF and the DEP."

Plastics are collected and recycled by the Master Garbologist, as follows:

#1 soda bottles

#2 milk and detergent bottles

All bottles #3, #4, #5

All plastic bottle caps (remove from bottles)

#2, #5, #6 dairy and deli containers (made for yogurt, cottage cheese, margarine, cream cheese, etc.)

#6 food service polystyrene (foam coffee cups, clamshell containers, deli containers, etc.)

Rinse all containers well, or stick them in the dishwasher. The Garbologist is presently working on acceptance of plastic peanuts and foam blocks (as for packaging of computers, etc.) We'll keep you posted.

— Joyce Scheffey

GIGI O'CONNELL

Joyce Scheffey gets down and dirty.

NOTICE

The Monterey Town Hall will be closed on Monday, September 4, 1995, for the celebration of Labor Day. There will be no meeting of the Monterey Select Board or the Board of Health on Monday, September 4, 1995. The next regularly scheduled meeting of these boards will be Monday, September 11, 1995.

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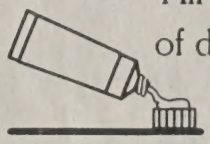

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Those of us who call ourselves Christian must realize that much of what we think Jesus said and did as recorded in the Gospels is, in reality, the Early Christian Church's teaching. Stephen Mitchell, in his book *The Gospel According to Jesus*, believes that it is possible to distinguish the authentic Jesus from the inauthentic. Mitchell quotes Thomas Jefferson: "The authentic passages are marked by 'sublime ideas of the Supreme Being, aphorisms and precepts of the purest morality and benevolence...with an eloquence and persuasiveness which have not been surpassed.' As Jesus said, the more we become sons (or daughters) of God, the more we become like God—generous, compassionate, impartial, serene. It is easy to recognize these qualities in the authentic sayings. They are Jesus' signature." (p. 7)

It is one of the great sadnesses of the Christian church that an argumentative spirit has assumed almost primary place. Polemics, attacking and defending doctrines and beliefs, often in the name of Jesus, clutter the airwaves. A siege mentality has resulted, and no longer is one interested in conversation. In order to converse, there must be a willingness to listen. Even more important is the realization that Jesus embodied healing love and not a set of doctrines.

To quote Stephen Mitchell again: "Once the sectarian passages are left out, we can recognize that Jesus speaks in harmony with the supreme teachings of all the great religions: the Upanishads, the Tao Te Ching, the Buddhist sutras, the Zen and Sufi and Hasidic Masters. I don't mean that all these teachings say exactly the same thing. There are many different resonances, emphases, skillful means. But when words arise from the deepest kind of spiritual experience, from a heart pure of doctrines and beliefs, they transcend religious boundaries and can speak to all people, male and female, bond and free, Greek and Jew." (p. 9)

— Keith Snow
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Flipping out in raft heaven: in the water, Massi Monjardo; flipping, Riley Murkett; on the raft, Isabel Esposito and Julian Ahye.

SWIM LESSON RESULTS

The hot, hazy, and humid weather that descended on Monterey for the last week of July and the first week of August made swim lessons at the Town Beach the activity of choice.

I must say my first experience giving swim lessons at Lake Garfield was a very pleasant one. We have some great kids in this town! Our young swimmers worked at acquiring new skills with courage and good cheer. I am looking forward to next summer's lessons and hope that the weather will be as obliging.

The following children completed the Red Cross requirements for the levels shown here. We should congratulate them and be proud of a new generation of competent swimmers.

Level I Macey Thomas, Marcus Sheridan, Giselle O'Connor.

Level II Meredith McMillan, Darah Thomas, Fiona Lacey, Dinah Mielke, Annabel Edelman, Thomas Lipsky, Karl Lipsky, Tristian Goik, Guenevar Goik, MacKenzie Mullen.

Level III Emi Rosenberg, Ana Rosenberg, Carly Thomas, Rebecca Sawers, Michael Sawers, Riley Murkett, Colm Higgins.

Level IV Jonathon Sawers, Cora Baker, Craig Bourque, Joey Bourque, Tarsi Dunlop, Kelsey Mullen.

Level V Claire Mielke, Emily McTavish, Rebecca McTavish, Charles McTavish.

For children who don't want to stop swimming when the leaves begin to fall, please consider enrolling as a member of the South County Falcons Swim Team. We practice three days a week after school at the Eden Hill Pool in Stockbridge. Our season runs from the middle of October to the middle of March, and as I am the coach, I'd be happy to talk to you about the program. We have room for all ages and all ability levels. Call me at 528-6619 for information and a brochure.

It was a privilege to work with Monterey's young swimmers. Enjoy the season's last lake swims.

— Bill Meier

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Conservation Commission would like to remind all residents that the Wetlands Protection Act provides the Commission with the authority and responsibility to review and, if necessary, establish conditions for the completion of any work to be done in the (minimum) 100-foot buffer zone of any wetland.

There have been inquiries this summer about adding sand to the shores of Lake Garfield. As a general policy, a limited amount of sand is allowed to be placed by the homeowner if a letter is sent to the Commission prior to the actual installation. The letter should state who is doing the work and/or having it done, where, when, how much sand will be used, and the approximate length of shoreline to be covered.

In a related matter, it should be noted that any fertilizer, even organic, which contains nitrogen or phosphorus may increase the levels of these elements in the lake, which in turn will affect the growth of plants and algae.

A pamphlet entitled *The Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act: How It Protects Our Wetlands and Floodplains* is available at Town Hall.

— Mick Burns

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REP RAP

This came in the mail, as is, from Fourth Berkshire District Representative Christopher Hodgkins. — Ed.

Storm Aid Update

The Memorial Day tornado certainly set the stage for the whirlwind of a summer we've had in terms of securing the necessary funds to rebuild the damaged areas of Monterey, Great Barrington, and South Egremont.

After working with Federal Emergency Management Agency teams to document all of the cleanup work we did, as well as all the reconstructive work we still needed to complete, we were denied emergency funding on the federal level. Therefore, we had to look elsewhere for the money to cover our costs.

In early July I worked hard to include in the fiscal year 1995 deficiency budget an amendment which earmarks $1 million for the purpose of putting the southern Berkshires back on track after this unexpected natural disaster.

The original FEMA assessment of the reimbursable costs resulting from the storm was determined to be only $600,000. However, both Senator Jane Swift and I saw the opportunity to ensure that all of the municipal costs incurred from the storm would be covered if we increased the allocation by $400,000.

I am very pleased to report that in mid-August the final FY 1995 deficiency budget, which included the $1 million appropriation for the southern Berkshires was passed in both the House of Representatives and the Senate. I have arranged for the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency to complete the administrative work necessary to disburse the funds. I expect that the money will be distributed to the towns of Monterey, Great Barrington, and Egremont immediately following the Labor Day weekend.

While I have been laboring to secure the necessary funding for municipalities, I have also been working on several fronts to assist private residents as they struggle to rebuild their homes and clean up their damaged property.

In the wake of destruction of personal property, scores of questions regarding insurance coverage immediately follow. I have made arrangements with the Massachusetts Division of Insurance to have two individuals appointed to assist Berkshire County tornado victims with problems they may encounter with their insurance companies. Those two individuals can be reached during normal business hours at (413) 785-5526.

I have also filed a bill that would provide residents directly affected by the tornado with an abatement from local taxes in the towns of Egremont, Monterey, and Great Barrington. This legislation would allow the boards of assessors in each of those towns to grant tax abatements for property destroyed or damaged by the storm immediately subsequent to the date of the tornado rather than a January 1, 1995, valuation.

Even though the tornado hit this area well over three months ago, we are still undergoing the daunting task of rectifying the damage caused by it. My office remains open to any and all concerns or problems you or your neighbors may have. Please call me at 243-0289 and make those concerns known to me so that I can help you in any way that I can.

— Christopher J. Hodgkins

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TORNADO FUNDS UPDATE

In June the Monterey Select Board set up the Monterey Tornado Relief Fund with the help of Virgil Stucker and the Berkshire Taconic Foundation. A mailing went out to about 900 addressees asking for donations to help those Montereyans affected by the storm. After a generous response from approximately 200 people a total of $23,000 had been collected as of August 21.

The Select Board appointed Jane Bowles, Stella Bodner, and Andrea Dunlop to serve as "donor relief advisors to the Select Board." The women have contacted most of the affected individuals with telephone calls and personal visits. They all said it was a gratifying experience that they will long remember. What they saw and heard was hard to put into words, and left no doubt in their minds as to the need for funds. Follow-up telephone calls are now being made. The advisors stated that they hope distribution of funds will begin around the first of September through the Berkshire Taconic Foundation.

Marjorie Jaffe and Greta Cherneff are planning an additional mailing to solicit donations from any who may have missed the first notice. More money would be a great help! Anyone wishing to contribute may send a check to the Monterey Tornado Relief Fund, Monterey, MA 01245.

— Greta Cherneff

Another grassroots fund, initiated by the Monterey Fire Company, is dedicated specifically to planting trees along public ways to soften the blasted look of our local landscape. Many generous donors have established a substantial base for this project, and a team of local landscape architects has volunteered their time to begin work on a plan. When the details of this privately funded public landscaping plan are in place, and when all promised and anticipated assistance from the state and other public agencies is in, the effort will go into high gear, thus assuring donors of complete information and the most effective use of resources. Look for future updates in the *Monterey News*.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING AND ELECTION

The Select Board of Monterey has called a Special Town Meeting and a Special Election for the Town, to be held September 15, 1995.

The Board of Registrars has scheduled a registration session for residents of Monterey not already registered who wish to register as voters. The session will be held 2–4 p.m. and 7–8 p.m. on Tuesday, September 5, 1995, at the Monterey Town Hall. Mail-in registration forms are available at the post office and library. These forms must be postmarked on or before September 5 to be valid for the September 15 Special Town Meeting.

The election will be a single-issue ballot referendum to determine voter preference on whether to exempt purchase of cemetery land from the provisions of Proposition 2-1/2. Voter approval of an appropriation for cemetery land will be an article on the Special Town Meeting warrant. Additional warrant articles will address fines for violations of the Solid Waste By-Law, and town computer concerns.

Absentee ballots for the ballot question will be available upon written request after Friday, August 25, for those voters who will be out of the Commonwealth on September 15, 1995. Hours for the election on September 15 will be noon–8 p.m. This provides overlap in the last hour of polling with the Special Town Meeting, for the convenience of voters planning to attend the Special Town Meeting.

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The Monterey Council on Aging, the Monterey Board of Health, and the Berkshire Visiting Nurse Association will co-sponsor a Family Health Fair on Saturday, October 7, 1995, 10 a.m.–2 p.m. at the Monterey firehouse.

More than twenty doctors, nurses, and other health-care providers have volunteered their services to make this an informative health-awareness occasion. Prevention is the goal of our fair.

We will offer glaucoma and visual acuity screening; hearing, oral, and foot screening; blood pressure, blood sugar, and blood cholesterol screening. There will be information and demonstrations on chiropractic, rehabilitation, and physical therapy, American Cancer Society, maternal and child education, healthy feet, ostomy and related skin problems, first responders of Monterey, Shine-Health Information, Rape Crisis, fitness screening, yoga, breast information, and prostate cancer awareness.

This will be a fair for all ages. Admission is free. Bring a friend. Refreshments by the Monterey Grange. Remember: pay attention to prevention!

The Council on Aging will host a light luncheon for seniors in the Town Hall basement at noon on Friday, September 22. It will be followed by a brief talk on our own local treasure, The Bidwell House, presented by the director, Anita Carroll-Weldon. All are invited. Get to know your neighbors.

Art for the young-at-heart (ages 55 and up) will be given at the Berkshire Museum, 39 South Street, Pittsfield, on Fridays, September 22 through November 24, 10:15 a.m.–12:15 p.m. The registration fee of $10 covers all sessions. Pre-registration is required. Call the Museum office at 413-443-7171.

— Pauline Nault

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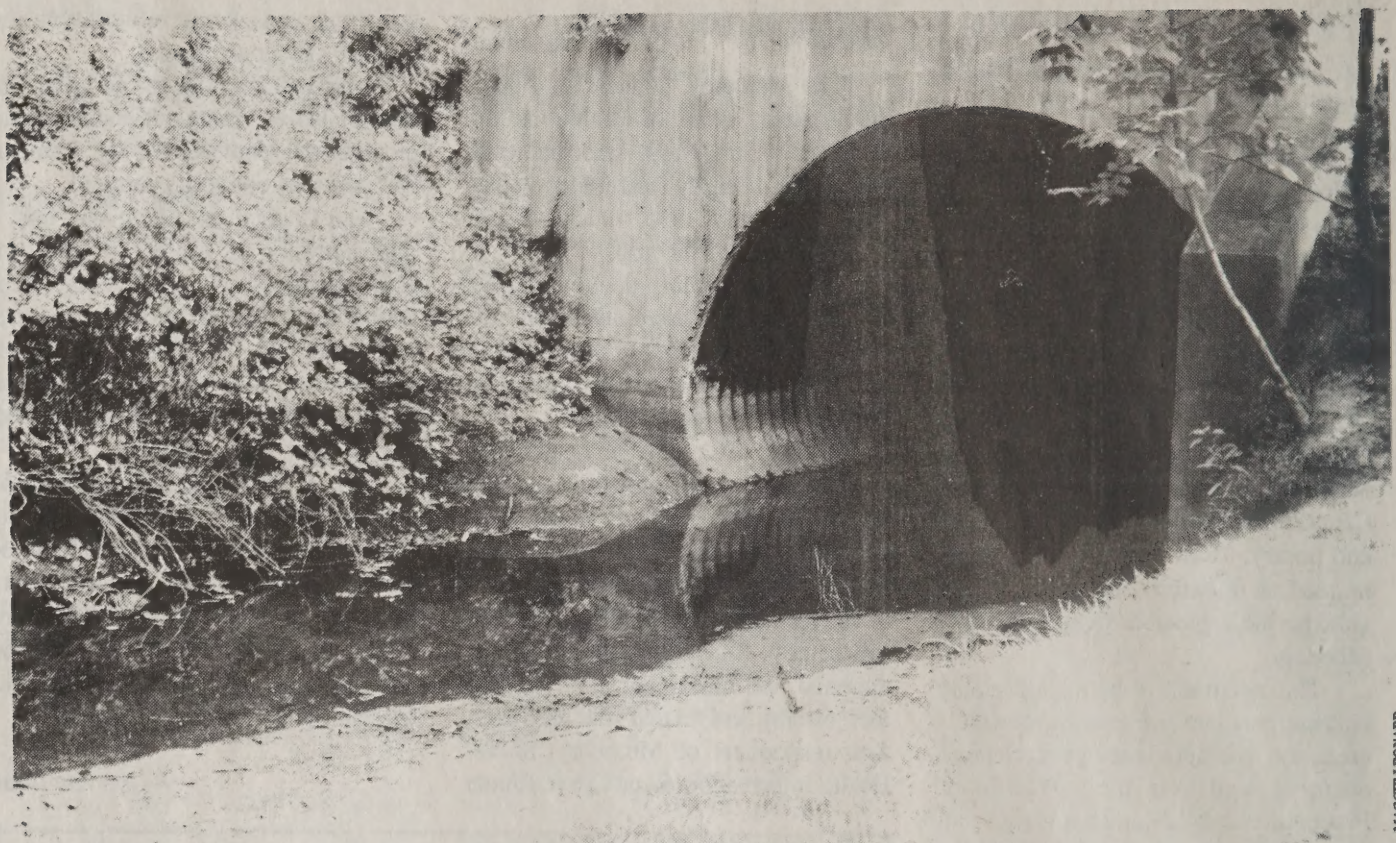

MAGGIE LEONARD

The Konkapot was barely flowing through town at the end of August. There was no water going over the dam behind the General Store, just a wall of trickles leaking through the concrete and stones. Leigh and Ray Tryon were back there one day nailing plastic over the boards in the dam for a little tighter seal in the hope of creating a minimal reservoir of water in the town center for fire protection. Ray remembers installing the valve in that dam over twenty years ago during a time of low water; they used sandbags to divert the river while they worked, and the water then filled a twelve-inch pipe. Now he estimates the flow might fill a one-inch pipe. At press time Highway Superintendent Don Amstead was planning, with permission of the Select Board, to let a six-inch pipeful of water through the dam at Lake Garfield, now that swimming season is winding down, in order to build up water in the upper Konkapot, for the sake of wildlife and people alike.

THE OBSERVER - JULY

It sure has been dry. There is a thick layer of dusty sand on many sections of the dirt roads around town, and a coating of dust on withering leaves along the roadsides. Cars of those who live on dirt roads pull into town looking like they've been out on safari. Our July statistics show rainfall for the month greater than the regional norm, but August will certainly be low, and May and June were low. The total precipitation in July was made up of local showers; they didn't put enough widespread water on the ground and into the lakes and streams to catch us up. At the end of the seventh month we were still nearly three-and-a-half inches short of normal rainfall for the year.

All this puts a slight edge on the seemingly endless string of fine days at the beach. We need a long rain. To cap it off, there are reports that ragweed pollen counts are abnormally high. Evidently this plant competes well in dry conditions, and the dusty air is laced with irritants for the allergic. Do a raindance.

High temp (7/14)	93°
Low temp. (7/3)	49°
Avg. high temp.	84°
Avg. low temp.	61°
Avg. temp.	73°
Monthly norm. (Pitts.)	68.3°
Precip. occ.	12 days
Total precip.	4.64" rain
Monthly norm. (Pitts.)	4.21"
High bar. press. (7/30)	30.18"
Low bar. press. (7/16)	29.72"
High humidity (7/30)	100%
Low humidity (7/4)	62%
Avg. wind speed	1.5 mph
High wind gust (7/15)	40 mph

Correction The average wind speed for June, 1995, was 2 mph, not 12 mph, as erroneously reported in the *News* last month.

MONTEREY GRANGE

Monterey Grange No. 291 met on August 16 for its annual Youth Night. Youth from neighboring granges conducted the meeting, furnished an enjoyable program, and assisted with refreshments and the fund raiser. Youth officers were as follows: Master, Norman Mercier, Stockbridge; Overseer, Phillip Legeyt, Sheffield; Lecturer, Susan Van Deusen, Sheffield; Steward, Peter Martin, Stockbridge; Assistant Steward, Bruce Barnum, West Stockbridge; Lady Assistant Steward, Mary McClelland, West Stockbridge; Chaplain, Joshua Hall, Stockbridge; Treasurer, Ann Vickerman, Monterey; Secretary, Alice Shaffer, Monterey; Gatekeeper, Christopher Marsden, Stockbridge; Ceres, Myrtle Mercier, Stockbridge; Pomona, Lois Hall, Stockbridge; Flora, Patricia Holohan, Monterey; Executive Committee, Charles Slater, Monterey; Executive Committee, Freda Mackin, Stockbridge; Executive Committee, Jovina Osnato, Stockbridge; Pianist, Elizabeth Slater, Monterey.

The Grange wants to thank all who helped make the pie sale to benefit the Southern Berkshire Transportation for the Elderly such a huge success.

We are working on an exhibit for the Blandford Fair over the Labor Day weekend. The next meeting will be held on the first Wednesday of the month, September 6 (note the change). We will have a ritual and bylaw review in charge of Deputy Peter Martin.

— Fraternally,
Mary Wallace, Lecturer

ELEANOR KIMBERLEY

At a Special Awards meeting of the Monterey Grange last June, Robert and Violet Hardisty were presented the "Granger of the Year" award by Special Deputy Fred Bardwell. They were escorted by their son Richard and daughter-in-law Patricia, and grandchildren Heather and Richard, Jr. L to R: Patricia, Robert, Violet, Heather, Richard, and Richard, Jr.

MONTEREY ROAD RACE

Neil Toomey of Chester scored a comfortable victory in the Fourteenth Annual Monterey Road Race on July

Toomey covered the 4 1/2-mile course, which begins and finishes on Route 23 in the center of town, in 27 minutes, 57 seconds. Second place went to Bob Seiller of Canaan, Connecticut, who ran the course in 28:29; Steve Bugbee of Pittsfield came in third.

Sheila Quinn of Pittsfield won the women's division, covering the distance in 29:34. Finishing second, 21 seconds behind Quinn, was Tamara Gebo-Wilber of Housatonic, and Robin Hathaway of Dalton took third.

Jim Sweeney of Clifton Park, New York, won the Ed Barrett Memorial Trophy for finishing first in the 30-39 age group. Sweeney ran the course in 31:25. Gotha Swan of Pittsfield won the John Sermini Memorial Trophy, given to the winner of the 45-49 division. Swan's time was 30:30.

There were 55 competitors in the 4 1/2-mile race and the 1/4-mile fun run.

Bob Gauthier thanks all those who helped out in the Fourteenth Annual!

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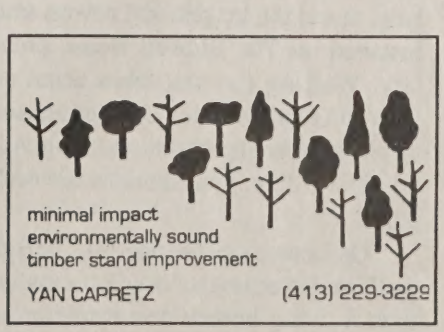

THE BIDWELL HOUSE

Thanks to many local volunteers, fine weather, and the support of the Monterey community, The Bidwell House third annual folk concert was a smashing success. A rousing response was given by an audience numbering 135 people to The Old Grey Goose, the trio from Freedom, Maine. The band's old-time tunes and dances provided a time capsule that brought us back to the early nineteenth century. Children and adults joined in the dancing which capped off the performance.

Volunteers Bill Bohn, Elizabeth Ryan, Ann Hanchett-Boland, David Boland, Joe Baker, Gertrude Burke, Judy Hayes, Tom Weldon, Vince Junior, Andy Matlow, Roger Tryon, Muriel Lazzarini and son, Suzie Higgins, Jane Paulson, John Reese, and The Monterey General Store all helped to make this event a success. The museum extends great thanks to all.

Another success was the Bigger Light Theater's school production of *The Scarlet Letter* performed on August 11. Scenes from this classic were staged around the Bidwell House property. The play began by the heirloom garden, where the troop mimed gardening actions to form a background for the opening act. Then they moved to the back dooryard around the ancient water pump.

The audience followed choreographed scenes around to the east side of the house, and the play ended with a powerful final act incorporating the sloping front lawn, gardens, and the house itself. An audience of fifty-nine people took part in this unique presentation of Hawthorne's eighteenth century tale.

We will offer an inaugural hike of Loom Brook Trail on Sunday, September 17, starting at 3 p.m. Completed in July, this is the longest and newest trail installed on The Bidwell House property. Walking the trail takes about an hour and a half, and covers steep terrain, so please wear appropriate clothing. Admission is free, contributions are welcome.

On Saturday, September 30, The Bidwell House keeping room will come alive with a living history demonstration of eighteenth century cooking on the open hearth and in the beehive oven. View the delights of the open hearth, savor those smells! The demo will take place 11 a.m.–4 p.m., and will be part of the regular house tour.

The Bidwell House is open for tours 11–4 Tuesday through Sunday until mid-October. Admission is $4 for adults, $3 for seniors and students, and $2 for children. For further information, please call 528-6888.

— Anita Carroll-Weldon

MAGGIE LEONARD

Twilight on Brewer Pond.

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CHILDREN'S HEALTH

Best wishes to the Center for Pediatric and Adolescent Health Care, formerly the medical team at Children's Health Program, as they have relocated at Fairview Hospital, fourth floor. The same caring staff will continue to be available to meet your health care needs. Nurse practitioner Kathleen Floyd, FNP, has been hired to help with the expanded adolescent health care services. The new phone number is 528-8580.

WIC, First Steps, and The Family Support Network continue to have offices at the Russell House, 54 Castle Street.

Parent to Parent has expanded to include male volunteers and fathers' groups. Anton (Tony) Luttenberger has been hired to coordinate the fathers' component. A Parent to Parent Volunteer Training will be held for men and women interested in helping area families in which the woman is pregnant or has a child three years of age or younger. Volunteers can assist with transportation, information about area services and child development, and emotional support for the very important and often frustrating job of parenting. Training sessions will be held at 54 Castle Street on the following dates: October 16, 23, 30, November 6 and 13, 5–7 p.m. For more information and an application, please call 528-9311 and ask for Claudette or Tony.

Parent-child playgroups will resume the week of September 11, and a schedule will be available in early September. The summer playgroups have been well attended, and we are happy to meet so many new families.

Hands At Work, our annual professional art show, will be held at St. Peter's Parish Center on East Street on October 7 and 8. The proceeds will benefit Emergency Family Needs at Family Support Network. We need volunteers to help in the kitchen, make food to sell, assist with children's crafts and at the main door. Homemade soups, muffins, and sandwiches on dark bread were the most popular items last year. Please call Claudette and Loren if you can donate an hour of time or food.

Please note the following special activities for the month of September and early October:

September 17 Trip to the Great Barrington Airport, 2 p.m. Fathers are especially encouraged to attend with their children.

September 26 Apple picking at Windy Hill Farms, Route 7, Great Barrington. Bring a picnic lunch. There will be a charge for apples picked. Raindate: October 3.

October 5 Parent-child playgroup for children 18–24 months old at Simon's Rock College Gym, Great Barrington, 9:30–11:30 a.m. Regular playgroup will also be held. Come meet parents of children the same ages as yours and learn about available services.

Through a Department of Education Grant, we have been able to purchase videos addressing family concerns to add to our lending library. The Family Support Network Lending Library is located on the second floor of Russell House, 54 Castle Street, Great Barrington. Recent acquisitions include: *Infant and Toddler Emergency First Aid, Volumes I and II*. These videos are also available at the Monterey, New Marlborough, Sandisfield, and Sheffield public libraries, and the Otis Preschool; *Pediatric Emergencies* (60 min.); and four Boy's Town Videos—*Catch 'em Being Good* (preschool-aged children, 10 min.), *No, I Won't and You Can't Make Me*, (temper flare-ups, rebellion, school-aged children and teens, 13 min.), *A Change for the Better*, (teaching corrective behavior, school-aged children, 11 min.), and *Negotiating within the Family*, (all ages, 14 min.).

Thank-you to all who have supported our Clothing and Toy Exchange this past year. Our new location will be the third floor of Construct, Inc., Main Street, Great Barrington. In order to assure the safety of children, parents are advised that volunteers will care for children in a playroom on the second floor while parents visit the exchange on the third floor. The Clothing and Toy Exchange will open September 14, on Thursdays, 7–9 p.m. and Saturdays, 10 a.m.–12 noon. The exchange will be closed on holidays and school vacations. To volunteer your help at the Clothing and Toy Exchange, please call Loren at 528-9311.

— Claudette Callahan

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Nature is good. Brad was good-natured.
Good, and like nature, a force
that moved earth, brush, snow, us.
He moved us, moves us still.
Left us here;
Left us
But still is here.

Summer storms are the most violent.
They rip up trees and slash the hills with rain.
So, too, does grief tear us asunder;
So, too, does grief ultimately cleanse
And purify, leaving us in a different light—
The light that lingers after summer storms—
Rarefied, rinsed, illuminating all.

In this ethereal light is Brad now illuminated
in these blue hills, in our hearts:

His gentlemanly kindness,
Gigantic heart
And wit that wound like a slow percolating
Brook that rises and dips unexpectedly before
Its final bend.
He had folks grinning way before the punch line.
He was the fork in a hundred rivers,
Streams of things that flowed in and out of
His garage, his hands, his fancy—fishing lures,
Old tools, stuff.
Streams of people that flowed in and out of
His days, his schemes, his truck—barterers,
Old friends, children, dogs.
He extended himself and was met.

He was a genius with time;
Could bend five minutes into half an hour,
Be two hours late in a minute.
Untimely, now, his departure, but his life
Was filled with gifted time;
A life time filled with love,
With humour, substance, blessed family.
Good times, good stories, good nature.

Nature is good. Brad was good,
A planter of seeds, young trees, and
Fields of gladiolas.
He shaped the earth,
Shaped us.
He was a landscaper of soul.
Our inner landscapes will forever hold
His sunny smile, his light.

— Joan Ackermann

METAPHYSICS

The soul has three eyes
said the old cook
and the body five
and (slamming the lamb
on the table)
as I'm alive
five and three
make one.

Then the heart has four eyes
said the kitchen maid
and the head two
and (placing her face
in her apron)
if that is true,
I'm undone.

No, no, never mind,
said the old cook
(wiping her jowl on a towel)
they're all blind!

— A. O. Howell

TRYST

Mouths in the moonlight
Fingers in the dark.
Sleek whispers twist
In the sullen night,
Sinuous
Certain
Stark
In their confession,
To the soothing savagery of passion,
Revealing its tender mark.

— Nick Hardcastle

RAINBOW FOR SHEILA

Now you wear a coat of many colors
whose threads run heart to heart
span all narrows like some brilliant
Varrazano Bridge. They highlight
your kids' purple hearts with a scent of
concord grapes, a sheen of indigo wine
as sailor blue calls forth the sea
rolls into Maxfield Parrish sky
settles like a piece of turquoise in your
topaz blue closed eyes.

Walt Whitman became grass like you
green as painted rocking chairs on my
grandparents' front porch.
Beneath a yellow poster painted sun:
pumpkins ripe for harvest
bittersweet strewn on the doorsill,
berries of laserbright light
whose laughter spills between our souls,
first cause of space and time.

Joan of Arc stood her final stride through fire
younger than you but left no man
no kids but a Dauphin crowned with a dream.
Her last sweet smoky breath
gave birth to Emily Dickinson
who shied from chaos like a blooded horse
who craved no crowds but thick piles of short poems
born when solitary passion
coupled with her luminous courage.

Parrish and these barren ones, our ancestors, wear coats like yours,
leave us inheritance of exhaled smoke all haunting blue
of brush and pen
of papers stacked against their day of rising
of tears they shed without a hint
of how they seeded us, their children.

— MaryKate Jordan

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THE THRILL OF LEECHES

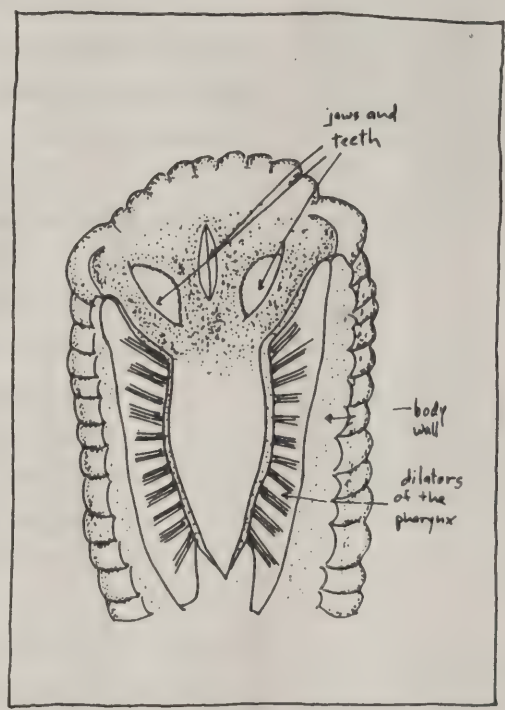
When I was growing up we did not always call a spade a spade, but this was not because we were squeamish. I prefer to think we were genteel. We handled all manner of creeping and slimy things with interest and respect, but we chose their appellations with an aesthetic discrimination. We did not say "slug," we said "snail." And after swimming in the shallow water and delicious muck of the beaver pond, we carefully removed from our bodies the little creatures we called "blood-suckers."

When I went to summer camp, I found that other people called them something else, and when they said the word, they put a drama into it which had never been attached to "blood-suckers" in my family.

"Leeches!!" they would scream, like the people on the beach in *Jaws* when they saw the shark. The kids at my camp did not go swimming in mucky beaver ponds where there might be leeches. They may have missed out on some good swimming and swamp exploring this way, but they made up for it in the dramatic kick you can get at age ten by screaming, "Leeches!!!" and looking all horrified. I never made a single convert to mucky swimming and "blood-suckers."

Now I have kids of my own, about that age. We were in a little lake last week called Clamshell Pond, in the Upper Saranac region of the Adirondacks. We'd canoed and then hiked to get there, so we were steamed up. As soon as we arrived we took off our clothes and walked into the warm shallows, looking for clams.

"Mom, there's an eel or something here," said Cora. We waded over to her, and there on the bottom, about four inches long, and dark, was a slim flat body with a delicate pointy look at the front end, heading away from us with graceful undulations, rear to front. It was big enough to be a little eel, but the movement could only be that of a blood-sucker, or leech.



A cutaway view of the front end of a leech, from a drawing in Barnes' Invertebrate Zoology, *1968.*

We followed at a little distance, not wanting the clouds of muck we stirred up to obscure our view. I thought, It must sense us, through water movement, and since it keeps moving away it must be worried by us. Suddenly it must have gotten a different message, because it did a quick U-turn and rose up a foot or so from the bottom and headed straight for us. We backed off, and still it came, a predator on the attack.

"Halp!" we yelled, in mock terror. I remembered the kids at camp. "It's after us!" We kept backing away, feeling huge and foolish at being put to flight by a skinny little worm. Soon we had backed into our own smokescreen of stirred-up bottom muck and lost track of the whole thing. We went back to hunting clams.

Of the 300 species of leeches, most live in fresh water, a few are marine, and a few terrestrial. Most will take a blood meal, given the chance, a few (parasitic ones) must have blood, and some never touch it. The aquatic leeches may feed on the blood of fish, amphibians, turtles, birds, or mammals, and many eat snails, insect larvae, and small worms. They are themselves worms, related to the familiar earthworm. Like earthworms, leeches are hermaphrodites (but not self-fertilizing) and develop a special ring around their bodies when breeding, called a clitellum. The fertilized eggs are deposited here and the whole thing passes off the body like a ring off a finger, forming a cocoon which may be deposited in the mud or attached to a rock or some vegetation. Some aquatic leeches come ashore and deposit their cocoons in damp earth.

The bite of a leech is not painful because it is anesthetized by a substance called hirudin, present in the saliva of the leech. Hirudin is also an anticoagulant and some have speculated that it functions as a preservative, too. Some leeches can take a big blood meal and then not need another bite to eat for fifteen months. As they take in the blood, they quickly excrete the water from it, concentrating it into a nutritious food which is stored in a crop for long periods. Hirudin has been extracted from the tissue of leeches and used medicinally.

A more familiar medicinal use of leeches, popular in nineteenth-century Europe especially, is blood-letting.

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Blood-sucking leeches have three curved jaws, with little teeth along the edges, contained within the forward sucker. They run these jaws like an arc of a circular saw, get the cut started, and then inject some hirudin to keep the blood flowing. When a mosquito starts in on us, we feel it and kill it. Leeches have a better system, at least in terms of the longevity of the individual leech. We don't feel the bite. In fact, the first indication we usually have that there is a leech on us is when some ten-year old screams, "There's a leech on you!!!" If we survive the panic, the horror, the social problems (whisper whisper, "...she had a leech on her—too gross!" etc.) we can easily remove the creature, interrupting its meal, and we may find a small Y-shaped incision. Kept clean, it will heal easily.

— Bonner J. McAllester

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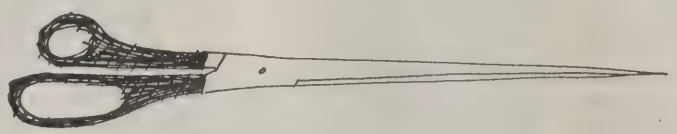
WILDLIFE SURVEY

Mammals

What may have been a young bear scurried up a tree in Sally Fijux's yard the second week of August. The time was 7:30 p.m., and the creature, in the dusk, was round, dark, and agile. Porcupines have been seen in the trees, too, foraging at night, littering the ground with chewed-off twigs, and sleeping straddled over a branch in the daytime. Barbara Tryon watched a motionless coyote in her back yard who was intently watching something else for a few long moments. She heard one serenading at six o'clock the morning of August 15. Marty Clark has recently seen a coyote and a bear while logging tornado trees on land of Peter and Karen Schulze. Eleanor Kimberley recently had a chance to snap a quick picture of a porcupine: she is eager to add to her collection of animal and bird photos and slides, and would appreciate a call (269-4936) from anyone who can alert her to a photo opportunity.

Birds

Eleanor saw a family of turkeys going up Keith Snow's driveway August 10. David McAllester saw another family August 16 in a field by Blue Hill Road. The young are nearly as big as their parents, now, as is also the case with the Canada geese in Lake Garfield. McAllester notes that geese and ducks on the lake are unusually tame as canoers approach. Barbara Tryon still has bluebirds around with their grown-up young, and she had house finches nesting in a hanging geranium until they flew the week of August 7. It made watering difficult! There were two grebes (!) dipping and diving in Parker's Cove August 5 and some black ducks with young still fairly small.



Amphibians

The McAllesters' small pond has made a notable recovery of its frog population after the demise of the two resident domestic ducks. Now there is music every day, especially in the evening, like an orchestra of banjos twanging random single notes. John Cage once said he wished he could write music as "aleatory" as a pond-full of frogs.

Insects

Grasshoppers and dragonflies are conspicuous in their abundance. The former were everywhere in their first molts, fifty to sixty in a clump of long grass in late July. Now they are getting half-grown but haven't reached the winged stage yet (August 16).

Note: the deer tick, carrier of Lyme disease, has been seen all around the Northeast, not just in Connecticut.

This is the time of year when the orb-weaver spiders make spectacular webs, often at night near an outdoor light or a lighted window. These include some of our largest spiders and best weavers.

Plants

The conspicuous plants along the roads now are Queen Anne's lace (two to three feet high, white umbels) and goldenrod. Other late summer bloomers are cardinal flowers, arrowhead, pickerelweed, Joe Pye weed, sweet clover, turtlehead, sweet pepper, elderberry, steeplebush, meadowsweet, jewelweed, flowering raspberry, forget-me-nots, smartweed, boneset, deadly nightshade, nettle, primrose, wood aster.

The red baneberries are over, and the white ones are abundant. The rare rattlesnake plantain is in bloom; Indian pipe is up in shady woods, also beechdrops and helleborine. Canada lilies now have big green pods. And Kay Sellew's blueberries are at the General Store.

Speaking of things to eat, one of the most attractive and delicious of our native plants is gizúskan, byt its proper Algonquin name. It's a sunflower that was domesticated by the Indians. It has a simple golden blossom three to five inches across on a stalk seven to eight feet tall, and is in full bloom now. It is called girasol ("turns with the sun," sunflower) by the French, and this was Anglicized to "Jerusalem," to which was added "artichoke," though the crisp tuber does not look or taste like an artichoke. Some grocery stores call it "sun choke."

— David P. McAllester

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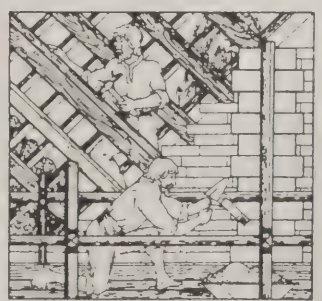

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Bars

Bars! I'm at home in a bar. It started with my ragamuffin brother Jack. Even now when I go back to Butte, Montana (my hometown), I go into a bar, say, "I'm Joan Woodard." They say "You must be Jack's sister—drinks on the house for this girl!" Later Jack and I lived in Connecticut, with our families. We went together up to his cabin in Vermont. We made pit-stops often. Into the bar, "Well, Jack, how are you!" Another stop, "Jack, how are your boys?"

To this date I am at home in bars. When traveling in my camper, I always have lunch at the bar (otherwise being stuck at a far table, alone). I talk to the bartender (man or woman) about the town I'm in, to the other customers at the bar about what they do. "Have you lived here all your life?"

When I stay in a town for a while, I always have a favorite bar where I know the people and they know me. I remember being stuck on the outskirts of Billings, Montana, having a whole new engine put into my camper. My bike was my transportation. Every day for a week I biked to Robbers Roast, bar per excellence, to eat and drink with new friends.

When I lived in New York City, The Miramar on 46th (good drinks and good food) saw me every day—lunch before a matinee...on the way to my bank...after a shopping spree. It was the nearest thing to a small-town, friendly meeting place. I moved from Connecticut to Massachusetts (the twenty-five years in Westport, Connecticut, were hardly my bars years. I was raising two sons.), but from Massachusetts the trips to New York City were less frequent. One day, in New York, I hurried to The Miramar. Good heavens! It was a hosiery shop. I went next door: "What happened to The Miramar? Where are Tony and Al?" They didn't know! People in New York don't keep track of the people next door, or above, or the people going by...they become immune. A great pleasant time of my life was gone!

On my way to the Keys, and on the way back, I always stop to visit Vi in St. Cloud (next to Orlando). I found a bar called Corvette, filled from nine in the morning until late at night, two pool tables, a dart board, and music blaring. If you're an "old-time" customer (I fast became one), you order two for the price of one. David put down a vodka martini on the rocks, and an upside-down glass alongside. I put down immediately $1.70. The cheapest martini I will ever find! David also makes the best roast-beef sandwiches in the world!

Down in the Keys, across from my campground is Mangrove Mama's. The bar is outside under a banana tree. And the food! Homemade rolls and bread. The best...the *very* best Key Lime Pie! On Sunday night cars are parked outside all the way to the bridge to the next key up, Cudjoe. Reggae music 'til the small hours in the morning.

When I got a place in Alabama, I hunted around. I found Bennie's Bar on the outskirts of Magnolia Springs. For three years now I'm a steady customer. A broken-down building, filled every day except Sunday with steady customers. I go in, "Hello, Celeste. How are you?"

"Oh, Miss Joan, my new dog is sick." Celeste is a pretty Italian girl and a very good bartender. She loves dogs. We talk about our dogs a lot of the time. Bennie's"is owned by Chris, smart, friendly, in a wheelchair. He drives up in a special van, the door with a ramp opens, and he scoots up a ramp and enters the door."Hello, everybody. How you feelin' today, Miss Joan?"

At night the bar is poppin': three TVs going, different programs. Someone puts some money in, and we have loud country music (on top of the TV). Games, with their colored lights on and off, line the wall. In the fall when Alabama is playing ball, people come from wide and far, crowding the three TVs on Saturday. Bennie's serves free food all day long: barbecued pork, corn bread, gumbo, shrimp, grilled Gulf fish, pies! There are two pool tables there. Wednesday night pool tournaments (ladies' night on Thursday). When a big fight is on TV, there are bets. If ever I get stuck in my car around Alabama, I *know* I can always call Bennie's and someone will come.

In New Orleans, I go to Napoleon's in the French Quarter, authors and poets sitting around, classical music. Bartender always says, "Are you going to Mexico, or coming back?" Pralines—New Orleans food is something else again.

Up North, in Boothbay, Maine, I go with Jack's son to an old bar where writers, fishermen, and philosophers sit around.

When I go to see my son, I go to The Silver Bullet in Westerly, Rhode Island. Big building. I sit down after being gone for two years. I put my dollar down on the bar. The girl brings me a tap Bud Light, saying, "Are you still in your camper, with all those dogs?" I nod yes. "That's too bad," as she goes down to the end of the bar. Bars are furnished by liquor salesmen. I look around: two clocks, one saying Budweiser, one saying Coors. Three lights above the three pool tables: Miller's, Red Neck Beer, and Busch. A sign on the wall: "As of June 1, beer will go up to $1.25" !! Another sign: "Drinking age: 21. Show proof!" I am fascinated by a young man coming in...skimpy underwear top to show his tattooing, which is on every part of skin above his waist. He has long sideburns and a moustache. The customers are discussing a funeral they all are going to—2 p.m. or 2:30?

When I come home to Massachusetts I stop first at my home-away-from-home, the Pine Tree. I have been coming here for twenty years, with the old owner and with the new one. I like the flavor of different bars! I like The Shed, with its subdued lighting, its old things on the walls, the willing girl behind the bar. A long time ago I stayed hours at the bar in The Barrington House, and at the big building on Route 23 near Agway (now a real estate office), with a crowded bar and competition keen around the dart boards. No matter how icy it is, I find myself at the bar run by good friends at The Elm Tree. (I even took the two girls on their first trip to New York City.) Remember Paddy's Day, with all the green, at The Kildara House? Oh, the days that used to be!

Yes, I feel at home in bars. Jack, long dead...sometimes I toast him with my Bud Light!

— Joan Woodard Reed

MAGGIE LEONARD

A simple ceremony was held out on the dusty ground under a hot sun August 18 to dedicate the chapel built as a memorial to Eagleton School students Christopher Bilodeau and Vinson Verble, and faculty member Leslie Elson. The three lost their lives here in the Memorial Day tornado. Students and faculty worked through the summer with loggers and builders to clear the land of broken trees and stumps, saw salvaged logs into lumber for the chapel, and raise the memorial. Attending were family, friends, fellow students and fellow faculty members. There were prayers both silent and spoken, and students planted three spruce trees next to the building, symbols of the spirit that lives on. Above, the chapel looking west; left, Eagleton Director Bruce Bona offers a prayer; below, students gather to lift a tree for planting.

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Gas Going

August 18, 1995

Dear Citizens of Monterey,

As a follow-up to my letter earlier this year regarding the fate of the gas business at Roadside Store, I'm writing to let you know that our Board of Directors decided at their July meeting to remove the gas tanks and pumps, and not to replace them.

While there had never been much question that the current set-up, much of which is old and not in compliance with codes, would have to be removed, there have been several reasons cited for not installing new equipment. The principal ones are these:

1. Cost of installing an all-new facility and keeping it up with ever more stringent codes.

2. Inability of Farm staff to maintain sophisticated equipment, and incompatibility of this work with our program for guests.

3. Ongoing environmental hazard of managing underground gasoline storage, literally on the banks of the Konkapot River.

Our current plan is to remove the tanks and pumps sometime in September, which we hope will cause only brief interruption of other services offered at Roadside.

While the loss of the gasoline facility will be felt by many people in town (including our own staff), we hope in the near future to involve all who are interested in a process to identify other, more viable services that could be made available at Roadside, benefiting even greater numbers of Monterey's permanent and summer residents.

We greatly appreciate the response we received on both sides of this issue from readers of the first letter and hope that all of you will join us in looking to the future.

Yours sincerely,
Brian W. Snyder
Executive Director, Gould Farm

Thanks for the Ride

August 23, 1995

To the Editor:

I would like to thank all who sponsored me in my 192-mile bike ride to Cape Cod. The Pan Mass Challenge bike ride, a fund raising branch of the Jimmy Fund, is very close to its fund raising goal of three million dollars. Your donations will be used at the Dana Farber Cancer Hospital in Boston. My brother Richard and I rode along with 1,700 other cyclists. In addition we had a support staff of 1,500 volunteers, 200 companies supplying over $500,000 in donated goods and services and two days of cool weather for the ride. The ride is enjoyable (for the most part) and we are always looking for new riders for next year. Please contact me if you are interested. I urge any of you who would still like to contribute, please send a check payable to the Jimmy Fund. Again many thanks.

— Roger Tryon

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PERSONAL NOTES

Nancy Kalodner joined her son **Joel** (who had been touring in the Middle East for over a month) for ten days, viewing the ancient ruins and sites in Greece, including the fifth century B.C. theatre at Epidauros, where they attended a play by Aeschylus performed in the ancient manner and in Greek (of course!). They also enjoyed time on the isles of Hydra and Naxos in the blue Aegean Sea. Best of luck to Joel, who will be entering the University of Michigan Law School this fall.

Welcome back also to the **Vallianos** family, who had a wonderful July in Greece; to the **Gauthiers**, who had a ball, as usual, in Maine; to the **Grotzes**, who loved their time on Old Cape Cod; to **Vikki Reed** and **Cathy Roth**, who highly recommend Nova Scotia; to **Tasha Grotz**, who would also highly recommend Quebec City; to the **Lipskys**, who found their time in Nantucket most refreshing; to the **Scheffeys**, who enjoyed London; and to **Judith Mortenson**, who roamed Russia.

It was great to see **David Gauthier**, who spent a couple of weeks in August visiting from Seattle. It was also good to see the **O'Connor** family. **Anne Marie** and **Shaen** had a shorter visit than usual to their Lake Garfield home, as Shaen made the big-time All-Star League in Florida and enjoyed a successful twenty-five-game schedule there, which kept them busy! **Vincent** and **Leslie Scutellaro** also managed a brief visit to Monterey. They, along with **Benjamin** and **Dinah**, are still thriving in Fort Lauderdale.

Very happy birthday wishes to **Dinah Mielke** on September 2, to **Gabriele Haapanen** on September 3, to **Micole Raab** and **Kate Vallianos** on September 4, to **Arianna Aerie** on September 6, to **Michael Sawers** on September 12, to **Jeff Gauthier** on September 13, to **Christina Vallianos** on September 23, to **Ellen Coburn** on September 24, to **Jamie Ziegler** on September 25, to **myself!** on September 26, to **Marcus Sheridan** on September 27, to **Jan Aerie**, **Rod Palmer** and **Ray Tryon** on September 28, to **Scott Sheridan** and **Susan Sheridan** on September 29, and to **Jonah Carlson** on September 30.

And happy anniversary wishes to **Mark** and **Mary Makuc** on September 11, to **Arthur** and **Alice Somers** on September 12, and to **Bob** and **Barbara Gauthier** on September 17.

If you have news, birthday wishes, etc. to share, please jot items down and drop them in the mail to me, just Route 23, or give me a call at 528-4519. Contributions are most appreciated—thanks in advance!

— Stephanie Grotz

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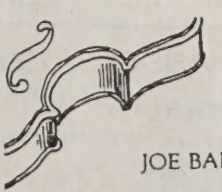
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JOHN FARNHAM ADAMS

John Farnham Adams, 87, of 200 Leeder Hill Road, Hamden, Connecticut, died Saturday, July 29, 1995, after a brief illness.

Son of the late Earl F. and Katherine Crafts Adams, he was born in Oberlin, Ohio, December 16, 1907. Known as Jack, he first came to Monterey in 1921 to help construct the log cabin of Dr. Robert Brown, a family friend. That house, the first to be located on the northeastern shore of Lake Garfield, was also the first of what would become a summer colony of Oberlin families, including Jack's parents, on Elephant Rock Road's lakeshore. Jack and Nancy, his wife, bought their own cottage in the mid-1940s, and their children and grandchildren continue the tradition of summering in Monterey.

Jack graduated from Oberlin in 1930 and received a Master of Science degree in plant sciences from the University of Wisconsin in 1935. After retiring in 1972 as manager for small seed production at the Asgrow Seed Company, where he worked for thirty-seven years, he served as a volunteer with the International Executive Service Corps, and was active in the United Church of Christ in Monterey, as well as with New Haven's Church of the Redeemer, YMCA, High Lawn Club, and the New Haven Lawn Club.

He is survived by his wife, Nancy; daughter Katharine Walker of Dover, Massachusetts; sons Charles Adams of Seattle, Washington, and Robert Adams of Fairfax, Virginia; five grandchildren; and sisters Jean Spinning of Southbury, Connecticut, and Phebe Wing of Lenox.

Gifts in Jack's memory may be made to the United Church of Christ, c/o Bonnie Cox, Treasurer, Monterey, MA 01245.

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Brad Duhon

BRADFORD S. DUHON

Bradford S. Duhon, 32, of North Plain Road in the village of Housatonic, died on Thursday, August 2, 1995, as a result of injuries received in a work-related accident in Monterey.

A native and former resident of Lake Charles, Louisiana, he was born July 11, 1963, the youngest son of Elton J. and Melda F. Dietz Duhon. He graduated from Alfred M. Barbe High School there, and played in the school band. He received his B.A. in political science from Louisiana State University, and took up social and political causes of the times.

A resident of Berkshire County since the fall of 1985, he owned and ran Blue Hill Landscape, was active in real estate sales, and worked for Kolburne School. When he first came here, he worked for a short time at Gould Farm.

He was a devoted, loving, and proud father who enjoyed taking the kids for rides, and they loved to hug and snuggle with him. He was a collector and dealer of antiques, setting up at local flea markets and sales. He loved being around people. [A poem in memory of Brad is printed on page 12 of this issue of the *News*.]

He leaves his wife, Melinda Olds, to whom he was married by Rev. Cory Loder on August 20, 1988, at Rock Ridge in Monterey; two children, B. Scott Duhon and Sarah Storrs Olds at home; his mother and father, Elton and Melda F. Duhon of Miles, Virginia; five brothers, J. Ferris Duhon of Austin, Texas, Marvant Duhon of Bloomington, Indiana, David Duhon of Bohannon, Virginia, Kevin Duhon of Highland Park, New Jersey, and J. Pierre Duhon of New Marlborough; two sisters, Kathy Duhon of Great Barrington and Sylvia Duhon of Newport News, Virginia; and several nieces and nephews.

CALENDAR

Sundays, September 3, 10, 17, 24 AA meetings, 9 a.m. in the Monterey Firehouse, Main Road.

Wednesday, September 6 Meeting of the Monterey Grange No. 291, 8 p.m. at the Grange Hall.

Saturday, September 9 Perennial plant swap sponsored by the Monterey Historical Society, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. on the library-museum lawn.

Friday, September 15 Special Town Meeting, 7 p.m. in the firehouse. (See article, page 1)

Saturday, September 16 Authors Calvin Trillin, Walter Abish, and Dory Previn read from their works. Mitchel Levitas is host. 4:30 p.m. at the Meeting House on the Village Green in New Marlborough, admission $15.

Sunday, September 17 Hike over Loom Brook Trail at The Bidwell House, 3 p.m., free admission. Led by Anita Carroll-Weldon. Steep terrain, wear appropriate clothing. Hike takes 1 1/2 hours. Information, 528-6888.

Tuesday, September 19 Free blood pressure clinic, 9–10:30 a.m. in the basement room of the Monterey Grange (town offices), Main Road.

Wednesday, September 20 Meeting of the Southern Berkshire Solid Waste District, 7 p.m. in the church basement.

Saturday, September 23 Square and contradance at the Sheffield Grange, Route 7, Sheffield, 8:30–11:30 p.m. Music by Mountain Laurel, calling by Joe Baker. All dances taught, beginners and children welcome. Refreshments. Adults $5, children $2. Information: 413-528-9385 or 518-329-7578.

Saturday, September 30 The Bidwell House Open Hearth Cooking Demonstration with house tour, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Admission, $4 adults, $3 seniors, $2 children. Call 528-6888.

Saturday, October 7

Family Health Fair, 10 a.m.–2 p.m. at the firehouse. Physicians, screenings, etc. Free admission, refreshments.

Fall Country Fair at Gould Farm, 4 p.m.-9 p.m. Music, crafts, food, games. Tickets $6 adults, $2 children under 16, advance at Roadside, or at door.

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